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## **Westly Responds to State of the State Address**

**SACRAMENTO** – State Controller Steve Westly today issued the following statement in response to the Governor’s State of the State Address:

“Tonight, we saw just one of the many faces of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Last year, he tried the politics of division. This year, it’s addition.

“This is a Governor who has not presented a clear road map for the state – just a series of sharp turns to the left and the right. Tonight, we saw another political turn.

“Make no mistake – this isn’t about a long-term plan for the state. This is the Governor’s try for a short-term fix for his political image.

“We keep hearing more and more billions being proposed without any discussion by the Governor of oversight or accountability. We just have to look at the botched efforts after Katrina or in Iraq to see what happens when accountability is ignored. We don’t know where the money will come from, where it will go, or who will keep an eye on it.

“Cheaper prescription drugs and more help for schools sound good, but let’s not forget that the Governor rejected similar measures just months ago.

“Although I’m pleased the Governor is taking some steps in the right direction, he should have taken these steps in his first State of the State, not his third.”

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